

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicants:** L. Andrew Koman, *et al.*  
**Serial No.:** 10/629,192  
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**Title:** Fixation Device and Method for Treating Contractures and Other Orthopedic Indications  
**Art Unit:** 3733  
**Examiner:** Michael J. Araj

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**Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

**I. Introductory Comments**

The present paper is being submitted in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed March 23, 2007. The accompanying amendments and remarks are responsive to the Office Action. Applicants also submit the petition and fee for a three-month extension of time making the responsive date September 23, 2007.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.